

The transition from summer to fall and then fall to winter brings all kinds of changes. One change that sometimes gets overlooked is the irrigation of lawns. Many people have their sprinkler on set timers that water early in the morning, so as to lose as little to evaporation as possible during the summer months. But as we transition through the seasons those automatic sprinklers are out of sight, out of mind and sometimes forgotten. What keeps your lawn green and lush during summer can create an ice rink on city streets during the winter.

When temperatures move below freezing, irrigation runoff gets on the street and freezes, causing a dangerous condition for vehicular traffic. What can be done to alleviate this problem? First, make sure irrigation systems and sprinklers are watering the intended area, not the street. Second, as your lawn becomes dormant it requires less water. So plan accordingly and conserve the water. Not only will this reduce your water bill, but will also help prevent icy streets.